

## WILL TO REGULATE THE RAILWAYS.

### MAKES THE RAPID TRANSIT COMMISSION MORE POWER.

ALBANY, April 7.—Assemblyman Salmon (Republican) today introduced a bill amending the New York City Rapid Transit act in very important particulars. The bill was prepared by Albert E. Henschel, formerly secretary of the New York City Commission.

One of the main changes is to provide that practically all acts of the commission must be approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. This is in regard to the establishment, abandonment or alteration of any route.

The bill gives the Board of Rapid Transit Commissioners authority to make all rules and regulations affecting the comfort and safety and accommodations for the traveling public in regard to the running of trains and convenient and fireproof cars, and then proceeds to fix the rate of fare. It is not to exceed five cents for the first five miles, and between 5 A. M. and 9 A. M. and 4 P. M. and 8 P. M. on week days, and on Sundays, legal holidays and Saturdays after 12 o'clock there shall be two fares for five cents. After five years the commission is not to charge more than five cents for two miles.

The bill further provides that every plan for construction shall provide for a sufficient space on either side of the railroad for a way of safe egress in case of accident or delay, and that all subways shall be fireproof and protected against floods, leakage and inundations.

The Assemblyman Tompkins' bill, which is aimed to cover the recent case of the wire tappers in New York City, provides that no matter if money is paid for the tapping of wires, it is to be defined as larceny. In the "fake" wire tapping case that came to light the tappers set up the plea that the money was an unlawful purpose, and therefore they could not be prosecuted.

Another of Assemblyman Tompkins' bills which passed the Assembly authorized New York City to borrow money for the purpose of meeting any deficiency in the collection of personal property taxes which have been due for not more than five years. Such amounts collected from personal property taxation are to be applied to reducing the debt but the amount of New York City to make a suitable appropriation for the observance of Memorial Day passed.

Assemblyman Yale's bill prohibiting bucket shops and bucketing in this State was reported favorably and ordered to a second reading. A violation of the law is subject to a fine of between \$500 and \$2,000 and imprisonment from one to six months for the first offense. For a second offense the fine remains the same but the imprisonment may be from six months to a year.

Senator Cassidy introduced a bill providing that all automobiles owned in New York City shall be taxed. The tax has been reduced from \$2 to \$1 per horse-power, and the bill has been referred to the committee on taxation.

The Senate Taxation committee today reported favorably Senator L'Hommedieu's bill taxing automobiles. The tax has been reduced from \$2 to \$1 per horse-power, and the bill has been referred to the committee on taxation.

Gov. Higgins Wants a Special Committee on Taxation.

ALBANY, April 7.—Gov. Higgins decided tonight to send to the Legislature during the coming week a special message recommending that a resolution be adopted providing for the appointment of a committee, composed of members of the Legislature and tax experts, to investigate the tax laws in operation in this State and to report recommendations to the next Legislature.

New York City Officers Accused of Violating the Civil Service Law.

ALBANY, April 7.—The New York Civil Service Reform Association today made a formal investigation of alleged violations of the civil service law and rules by the New York City Civil Service Commission and by other officers of that municipality. Secretary Goodwin of the Reform Association sent a letter to the Mayor, asking for a list of names of all persons who had been appointed to positions in the city since January 1, 1904, and who had not been appointed by competitive examination.

The Northern Pacific Railroad Company today issued \$100,000 bonds. The bonds are for the purpose of financing the construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad from St. Paul to the Pacific coast.

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## Saturday's Special Sale

Mauchauffee's French Balbriggan Underwear, manufactured in Troyes, France. SHIRTS, long and short sleeves; DRAWERS, regular and stout. Special price, 50c.

A Full Line of PIQUEKNIT UNDERWEAR. This is not only the best value, but the only house in New York selling it. Special price, 50c. LINEN NEGLIGEE SHIRTS, \$1.00.

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